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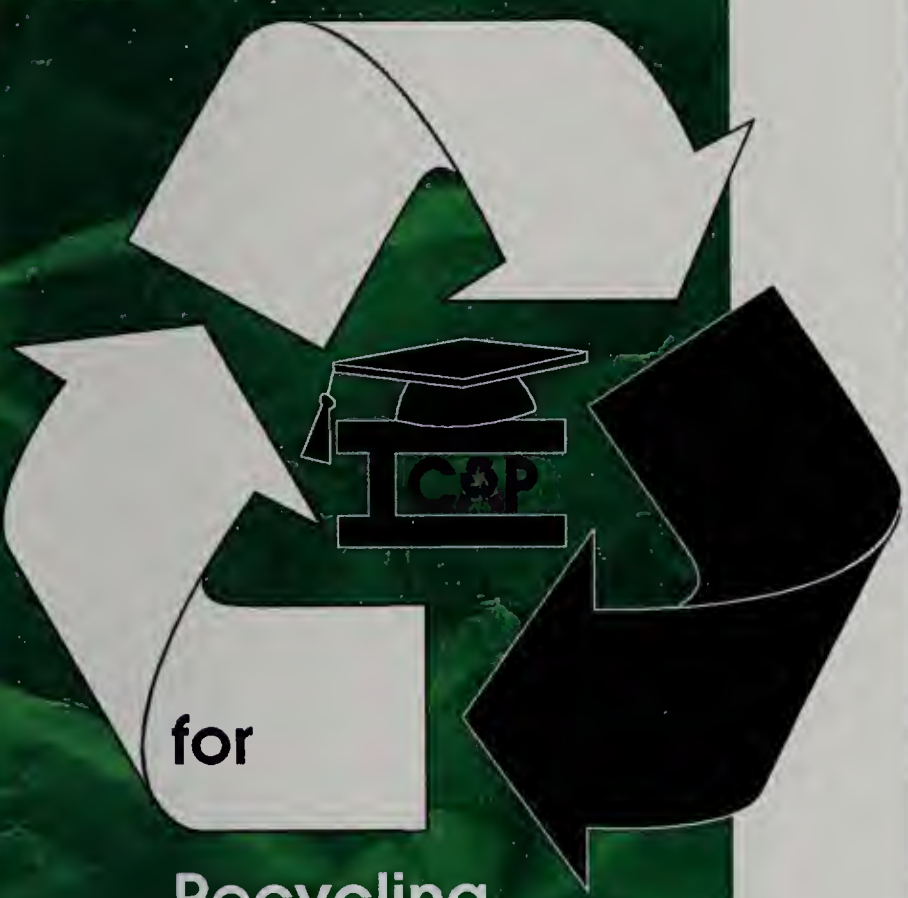
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# Illinois College Assistance Program



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## Background

The Illinois Solid Waste Management Act (415 ILCS 20/1 *et seq*) requires each State supported institution of higher education to develop a comprehensive waste reduction plan. This plan must demonstrate how the institution, by recycling marketable materials, will achieve by January 1, 2000, a reduction of 40% in the amount of solid waste that the institution generates and that is subject to landfill disposal. The Act further requires that the plans be updated every five years. Additionally, the waste reduction plans must evaluate the institution's procurement policies and practices to eliminate discrimination against items with recycled-content and to encourage the procurement of items with recycled-content.

The Illinois College Assistance Program for Recycling (ICAP) provides grant assistance to institutions for the implementation of approved waste reduction plans.

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## Eligibility Criteria

To apply for an ICAP Implementation Grant, an institution must meet four eligibility criteria:

1. The institution must be a State supported institution of higher learning;
2. The institution must have an approved waste reduction plan on file with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA);
3. The implementation grant application must involve the collection and processing of post-consumer recyclable commodities which have been addressed in the institution's approved waste reduction plan; and,
4. The implementation grant project must be consistent with the adopted solid waste management plan of the entity having jurisdiction over the area in which the institution is located.

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## General Information

The maximum ICAP Implementation Grant amount is \$50,000, while the basis for an individual institution's grant is its student population. There are no matching requirements. Items that are eligible for grant expenditure are collection and processing equipment and associated site improvements, educational and promotional costs and expenditures for items that will reduce waste at its source. Purchase or lease of real property and normal operating and administrative costs are not eligible in the grant program. Additionally, the program requires that an amount equaling at least 10% of the grant be spent on products with a recycled-content.

The grants normally are in effect for a period of twenty-four months. The first three months of each grant period are assigned for the purchase of the equipment and other items necessary to commence the recycling/waste reduction effort. The next twelve months are allocated to run the recycling/waste reduction project and to collect data on the amounts of materials recycled and/or the amounts of wastes reduced. The final nine months of the project are to close out the grant. A mid term progress report and a final report are required.

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## Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation of implementation grant applications is based on the following five criteria:

1. Evidence showing the ability to successfully organize, administer and complete the implementation plan;
2. A discussion of the methods of material collection and processing and the demonstration of the existence of markets for materials collected;
3. A description of the public information and education programs supporting the implementation plan activities;
4. A discussion of source reduction activities associated with the implementation plan; and,
5. Evidence of consistency with the solid waste management plan of the area in which the institution is located.

# Request For Information: Please send me ICAP Program Guidelines and Application Form

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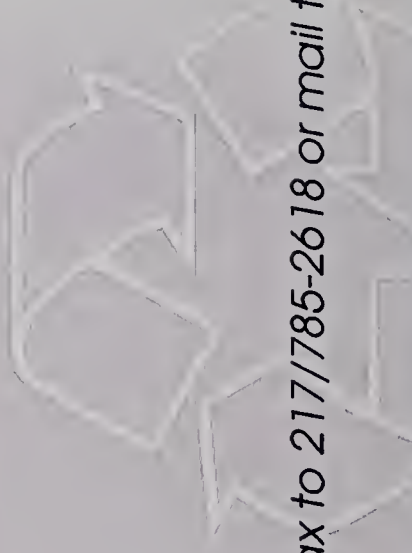
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